REMARKS

Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 19, 2005, Applicants provide the following. Claims 15, 20-24, 26, 27, 32-34, and 36 have been amended. Claims 1-14 and 37-55 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 56 and 57 have been added. Support for amendments to claims 15, 20, 22-24, 26, 27, 33, 34, and 36 can be found at least at page 2, lines 7-18; page 24, lines 7-11, 22-26; page 50, lines 21-29; page 51, lines 13-17; and page 68, line 20 – page 69, line 4. Support for new claim 56 can be found at least at page 14, lines 30-31; page 42, lines 15-25; and page 57, lines 13-23. Support for new claim 57 can be found at least at page 2, lines 7-18; page 24, lines 7-11, 22-26; page 42, and lines 15-25, 29-31. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Twenty-three (23) claims remain pending in the application: Claims 15-36, 56, and 57. Reconsideration of claims 15-36, 56, and 57 in view of the amendments above and remarks below is respectfully requested.

Declaration:

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the Oath/Declaration as it allegedly lacks the signature of Scott J. Kurowski. Applicants submit, however, that a Declaration executed by Mr. Kurowski was in fact filed in a Response to Notice to File Missing Parts dated May 29, 2001 and in the Response dated June 13, 2005. Any confusion was probably created by the inventors having executed separate copies of the Declaration, which is believed to be permitted by the USPTO rules. A copy of the Declaration executed by Mr. Kurowski and postcard receipt showing it was received by the USPTO, is included herewith. Consequently, withdrawal of the present objection to the Declaration is respectfully requested.

Title:

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the title of the invention as allegedly failing to be clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed. Applicants hereby amend the title of the invention and submit the amended title is more clearly indicative of

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the invention to which the claims are directed. Withdrawal of the objection to the title is respectfully requested.

Request Regarding Claims:

In the Office Action, the Examiner asserted that claims 21 and 32 lack clarity of meaning and requested that these claims be amended to recite "an internet" instead of "the Internet." Applicants hereby amend claims 21 and 32 in conformity with the Examiner's request.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102:

Claims 15-36 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) and/or 102(b) as being allegedly anticipated by Peter Alfredsen Seti@Home FAQ (herein Seti@Home) for the same reasons as set forth in the Office Action mailed January 13, 2005. This rejection is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Regarding the rejection of claim 15, the final Office Action suggests that the "work unit" described in Seti@Home is a data module and further suggests that the data module is executed when data within the data module is processed. (see Final Office Action, item 12, pages 3 and 4) As such, the Examiner asserts that Seti@Home's "work unit" corresponds to Applicants' recited "module."

Applicants have amended claim 15 to very clearly clarify the differences between Applicants' claimed "module" and the "work unit" described in Seti@Home. Specifically, Applicants have amended claim 15 to recite that the module is an "application module" and that this "application module" includes "application code and initial settings and operational file data but not input data for the application module." Independent claim 27 has been amended in a similar manner.

As Applicants pointed out in their last response, the "work unit" of Seti@Home is only data. Applicants respectfully submit that Seti@Home fails to anticipate claims 15 and 27 as now amended because the "work unit" taught in Seti@Home does not include "application code

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and initial settings and operational file data," as now claimed. Furthermore, claims 15 and 27 now explicitly recite that the application module does not include input data. At best, Seti@Home's "work unit" would merely correspond to Applicants' claimed "input data" since the work unit includes only data.

Another reason Seti@Home fails to anticipate amended claim 15 is because Seti@Home fails to teach sending a request for a new computational task to a first server, receiving an application module from a second server, and receiving input data from a third server. Similarly, Seti@Home fails to anticipate amended claim 27 because Seti@Home fails to teach receiving a request for a new computational task at a first location in a computer network, sending an application module from a second location in the computer network, and sending input data from a third location in the computer network.

For at least the reasons provided above, Applicants respectfully submit Seti@Home fails to teach each and every element recited in claims 15 and 27. Consequently, withdrawal of the present rejection of claims 15 and 27, and claims 16-26, 28-36, 56, and 57 which variously depend therefrom, is requested.

Notwithstanding their dependence from claims 15 and 27, claims 56 and 57 are not anticipated by, nor rendered obvious in light of Seti@Home because Seti@Home only teaches receiving one SETI@home program and using the SETI@home program to sequentially process multiple work units. As such, Seti@Home fails to teach or suggest "receiving multiple application modules from the second server; and executing the multiple application modules to perform multiple computational tasks in parallel," as recited in claim 56, or "sending multiple application modules to the client through the computer network from the second location in the computer network, the multiple application modules adapted to perform multiple computational tasks; and receiving output data of the multiple application modules," as recited in claim 57.
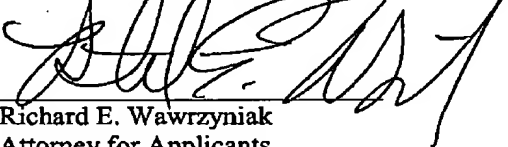
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Conclusion

In view of the above, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Should there remain any outstanding issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Richard E. Wawrzyniak at (858)552-1311 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 06-1135.

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